

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) A file transfer system, comprising:

a requesting computer for submitting a request to transfer a data file;

a managing computer for receiving the transfer request, identifying the location of the data file, and passing the transfer request to that location;

a source computer, identified as having the data file by the managing computer, for receiving the transfer request from the managing computer and transferring the data file to a target location; and

a target computer, corresponding to the target location, for receiving the transferred data file from the source computer; and

wherein the requesting computer, managing computer and target computer are separate and independent computers.

38. (Original) A file transfer system according to claim 37, wherein the requesting computer, the managing computer, the source computer, and the target computer are separate and independent computers.

39. (Original) A file transfer system according to claim 38, wherein the requesting computer, the managing computer, the source computer, and the target computer are resident in separate and independent locations.

40. (Original) A file transfer system according to claim 37, wherein the requesting computer, and the source computer are a single computer, and the managing computer and the target computer are separate and independent computers.

41. (Currently Amended) A file transfer system according to claim 37, wherein the requesting computer, and the target computer are a single computer, ~~and the managing computer and the source computer are separate and independent computers.~~

42. (Currently Amended) A file transfer method, comprising the steps of:
submitting a request to transfer a data file at a requesting computer;
receiving the transfer request at a managing computer, identifying the location of the data file, and passing the transfer request to that location;

receiving the transfer request at a source computer, identified as having the data file by the managing computer, from the managing computer and transferring the data file to a target location; and

receiving at a target computer, corresponding to the target location, the transferred data file from the source computer; and

wherein the requesting computer, managing computer and target computer are separate and independent computers.

43. (Original) A file transfer method according to claim 42, wherein the requesting computer, the managing computer, the source computer, and the target computer are separate and independent computers.

44. (Original) A file transfer method according to claim 43, wherein the requesting computer, the managing computer, the source computer, and the target computer are resident in separate and independent locations.

45. (Currently Amended) A file transfer method according to claim 42, wherein the requesting computer, and the source computer are a single computer, ~~and the managing computer and the target computer are separate and independent computers.~~

46-50. Cancelled.

51. (New) A file transfer system, comprising:

a requesting computer for submitting a request to transfer a data file;

a managing computer for receiving the transfer request, identifying the location of the data file, and passing the transfer request to that location;

a source computer, identified as having the data file by the managing computer, for receiving the transfer request from the managing computer and transferring the data file to a target location; and

a target computer, corresponding to the target location, for receiving the transferred data file from the source computer; and

wherein the source computer, managing computer and target computer are separate and independent computers.

52. (New) A file transfer method, comprising the steps of:

submitting a request to transfer a data file at a requesting computer;

receiving the transfer request at a managing computer, identifying the location of the data file, and passing the transfer request to that location;

receiving the transfer request at a source computer, identified as having the data file by the managing computer, from the managing computer and transferring the data file to a target location; and

receiving at a target computer, corresponding to the target location, the transferred data file from the source computer; and

wherein the source computer, managing computer and target computer are separate and independent computers.